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TRANSCRIPT

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SUBJECT	EPA SECONDHAND SMOKE REPORT		

BROADCAST EXCERPT

PAULA ZAHN (HOST): Just because you don't smoke doesn't mean your health isn't threatened by cigarettes. The Environmental Protection Agency is about to release a report confirming that secondhand smoke kills thousands of non-smokers every year. Edie Magnus reports.

EDIE MAGNUS (REPORTER): In a move predicted to have major consequences on where smokers can or cannot light up, William Riley in his last major act as head of the EPA will approve a report classifying secondhand tobacco smoke as a Group A carcinogen, in the same class as such other cancer-causing substances as radon, benzene, and asbestos.

Among the report's conclusions, that secondhand or environmental tobacco smoke causes approximately 3000 lung cancer deaths each year in non-smokers and that it causes an estimated 300,000 lower respiratory tract infections each year in children, including cases of pneumonia, bronchitis, asthma, as well as middle ear disorders.

MORTON LIPPMANN (CHMN, EPA SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY BOARD): This document is the first definitive report of these effects in children.

DR. ALFRED MUNZER (COALITION ON SMOKING OR HEALTH): We hope that this report will provide an impetus for state and local governments to limit smoking in all public places, particularly schools and day care centers.

MAGNUS: It's a bombshell not unexpected by the tobacco lobby, who accused the EPA of endorsing a flawed analysis to support a politically correct position.

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BRENNAN DAWSON (TOBACCO INST): The EPA has not included all of the studies, the studies that it has included it has looked at in a very unorthodox manner, and it has been very biased from the beginning.

MAGNUS: Nevertheless, anti-smoking advocates say classifying passive smoke as hazardous will lead to further restrictions on smokers. They predict this report could prod the Occupational Safety & Health Administration, which regulates conditions in the workplace, to call on employers to ban smoking on the job. And the American Lung Association today will call on the new Congress to pass new laws to address the issue of other people's smoke. Edie Magnus, CBS News, New York.

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